

WASHINGTON – Last January, President Bush signed the No Child Left Behind Act with great fanfare, promising that it would ensure that every child in America has the opportunity to succeed in school.

The President's budget actually cuts overall funding for education by \$90 million from last year and it funds the following:

- \$4 billion from the amount promised for educational assistance to disadvantaged students
- \$325 million from the amount promised for Teacher Quality State Grants
- \$500 million from funding promised for 21st Century Community Learning Centers, a proven after school program
- \$85 million from Immigrant Education
- \$491 million from the Fund for the Improvement of Education (FIE), a 90% cut from the amount promised in the No Child Left Behind Act

Post-secondary education did not fare any better. The budget:

- eliminates the Leveraging Education Assistance Partnerships (LEAP) program which provides work-study opportunities for low-income students
- reduces the award for Pell Grants from \$4000 to \$3600.

Over the last five years the federal government has agreed to substantially increase the amount it gives to states for education.

To continue our success, we must provide more resources, not less, for a number of important programs.

The Teacher Quality State Grant Program allows States to train and certify teachers. This program has been a major success.

After school programs are another important aspect of our children's education. 21st Century Community Learning Centers are a key part of this effort.

It is also very important to give schools flexibility to address the needs of their teachers and students.

The importance of obtaining a college education also requires a substantial federal investment. Through the Pell Grant program, we provide financial aid to low-income students.

Federal support for education is vital to the success of our schools. Through the No Child Left Behind Act, we have committed ourselves to ensuring that every child in America has the opportunity to succeed in school.

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